

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
FOR THE OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF
OUTDOOR RECREATION RESOURCES AT TINKER AFB

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

This cooperative agreement by and between the Department of Defense functioning through the Installation Commander, Tinker AFB, under the authority contained in 16 USC 670a-670o, 10 USC 2671, hereinafter referred to as the Air Force, the Department of Interior functioning through the Regional Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation under the authority contained in 16 USC 670c, hereinafter referred to as the Bureau; and the State of Oklahoma functioning through the Director, Oklahoma Parks and Recreational Department under the authority Mr. Abe L. Hesser hereinafter referred to as the State, is entered into for the purpose of providing the Installation Commander, Tinker AFB, with professional and technical information necessary to coordinate actions pertaining to the operation, development, management, and protection of outdoor recreation resources at Tinker AFB. This agreement is within the purview of the policies set forth in Public Law 91-190, National Environmental Policy Act (42 USC 4321, 4331-4335, and 4341, 4347), Public Law 88-29, Outdoor Recreation-Federal-State Programs (16-USC 460L-460L-3), Public Law 86-797 as amended by Public Law 90-465 and Public Law 93-452, Conservation Programs on Military Reservations (16 USC 670a-670o), and Public Law 90-543, National Trails System Act (16 USC 1241-1249), Public Law 89-665, National Historic Preservation Act (16 USC 470-470m) Public Law 90-542, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 USC 1271-1287), Executive Order 11644, Use of Off-Road Vehicles on the Public Lands, and under the principles of multiple use sustained yield as defined in Public Law 86-517 (16 USA 528-531). Outdoor recreation as used in this agreement includes natural resources which provide or may provide opportunities for outdoor recreation. It does not include recreation facilities normally associated with urban developments such as playgrounds, golf courses, athletic fields/courts, swimming pools, FAMCAMPs and marinas. Fish and Wildlife Conservation and Management is covered under a separate cooperative agreement as authorized by Public Law 86-797 (16 USC 670a-670o) and is not to be included in this agreement.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Whereas, the Air Force commander at Tinker AFB has jurisdiction over Tinker AFB and has the trusteeship responsibility to develop, enhance, operate, protect, maintain and control public access to the outdoor recreation resources thereon, and Whereas, the Bureau is the agency of the Federal Government primarily responsible for the development and coordination of outdoor recreation opportunities, resources and plans with exclusive Federal responsibility for the administration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Whereas, the State Park/Recreation Department was created under the laws of the State of Oklahoma to provide an adequate and flexible system of enhancement, development, operation and maintenance of outdoor recreation resources in Oklahoma, and Whereas, it is the mutual desire of the Air Force, the Bureau and the State to work in harmony for the common purpose of developing, enhancing, and maintaining the outdoor recreation resources at Tinker AFB for which each party is responsible in the best interest of the people served by these resources. Therefore, it is mutually agreed that:

Section I. Joint Activities of the Air Force, Bureau and State Agency.

1. The Bureau and State will act in an advisory capacity to the Air Force on matters pertaining to the management of outdoor recreation resources on lands administered by the Air Force. Actual management of the outdoor recreation resources will remain the responsibility of the installation commander.

2. An interdisciplinary united approach shall be promoted by all interested parties to resolve problems relating to multiple use management of natural resources.

3. All parties will jointly meet at least once annually to discuss matters relating to the conservation and management of outdoor recreation resources on or affecting the lands administered by the Air Force, such as law enforcement, educational and interpretive programs, cooperative studies, plans, surveys, and other matters as may be relevant to outdoor recreation resource management within the concept of multiple use management.

4. Nothing in this Cooperative Agreement is intended to modify in any manner the present cooperative program with other public agencies, conservation groups or educational institutions, or modify any rights granted by treaty or otherwise to any Indian tribe or member thereof. In the event of a conflict between the agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Interior and the Department of Defense, provisions in the Memorandum of Understanding will prevail.

5. This Agreement may be modified or amended by mutual agreement by the authorized representatives of the three agencies, provided, however, that the installation commander upon written notice to the Bureau and the State shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time when in his opinion the installation's mission or other national security requirements renders termination or modification a necessity.

Section II. Air Force Responsibilities

Within the limitations of the assigned military mission and the availability of funds and manpower, the Air Force agrees to:

1. Provide access to authorized agents and employees of the Bureau and state in the execution of this cooperative agreement unless security or other military exigency should prevent the granting of such access.

2. Maintain, operate and manage outdoor recreation resources and activities, in accordance with the approved installation management plan (attachment 1) and the natural resources portions of the installation Recreation Program Planning Folder (RPPF).

3. Protect and preserve special interest areas.

4. Provide information on the development of installation outdoor recreation plans to the state comprehensive outdoor recreation planning commission.

5. Development of existing unimproved land south of family housing and Mitchell Avenue into an outdoor trail.

6. Restoration of old landfill sites in the South 40 to a grassed and wooded area.

Section III. Bureau Responsibilities

Consistent with its primary objectives and responsibilities, the Bureau agrees within the limitation of funds and personnel to:

1. Provide technical consulting assistance in developing the outdoor recreation resources and activities for the aesthetic, recreational and economical benefit of the public.

2. Provide technical assistance in the resolution of special problems that may arise subsequent to the execution of this working Agreement.

3. Participate in recreation resource surveys and make recommendations on protecting, developing and interpreting special interest areas.

4. Further an understanding of recreation and recreation resources by providing related research and assisting in related training programs.

5. Provide four (4) copies of related field reports, studies and evaluations; one (1) to installation commander, 2854 ABG/CC, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma 73145, one (1) to major air command, Staff Biologist, AFLC/DEMM, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433, one (1) to HQ USAF/PREV, Washington DC 20330, and (1) to Executive Director of Outdoor Recreation, 500 Will Rogers Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

Section IV. State Responsibilities

Within the availability of funds and personnel, the State agrees to:

1. Assist in the determination of projected demand by installation personnel for various outdoor recreation activities and provide management recommendations for restoring, maintaining, developing or enhancing recreational facilities and activities.

2. Assist in determination of carrying capacity (level of recreational use) to avoid damage to public health, safety and other resource values.

3. Provide four (4) copies of related field reports, studies and evaluations; one (1) to the installation commander, 2854 ABG/CC, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma 73145, one (1) to major command, Staff Biologist, AFLC/DEMM, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433, one (1) to HQ USAF/PREV, Washington DC 20330, and one (1) to Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, 5000 Marble Ave NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110.

4. Provide assistance in related training programs.

5. Furnish one copy of the state comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan to the installation commander.

6. Provide assistance in the development of nonconsumptive outdoor recreation such as hiking, nature study, photography and other individual type outdoor recreation.

PUBLIC ACCESS

It is the policy of the Air Force to permit public access to outdoor recreation resources to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the installation's safety and security requirements and its available manpower and natural resources to support such activities without degradation or impairment (MWR) programs. Tinker AFB Public Use and Access Policy is:

A. Public use of the base is not possible because of the mission and operational limitations of the base. The physical size of the base, the area available for recreational use, and the increasing base population are other limiting factors of general public use.

B. Military and civilian employees, their dependents, and guests are permitted outdoor recreational privileges. Scouting and visiting conservation groups, sporting clubs, and competing teams are granted access to the base. Various Special Services sponsored events are also permitted outdoor recreational privileges.

This cooperative agreements will become effective upon the date subscribed by the last signatory and shall continue in full force indefinitely until terminated by any of the parties signing this Agreement. Any party terminating participation in the agreement shall give written notice of said termination to the other parties to the agreement.

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